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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, TW, US  
SUBJECT: REACTION TO REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF'S SUGGESTIONS

REF: TAIPEI 4892 (NOTAL)

1. REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF'S AUGUST 1 PRESS CONFERENCE SUGGESTIONS  
FOR A PLEBISCITE ON TAIWAN AND A DE FACTO DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT  
(SUCH AS A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION) TO REPLACE THE MUTUAL DEFENSE  
TREATY EXCITED INTEREST BUT LITTLE PUBLIC COMMENT HERE.

2. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS THE VERNACULAR PRESS HAS NOT MENTIONED  
THE PLEBISCITE IDEA, WHICH DOUBTLESS IS AS ANATHEMA TO THE ROC  
AS IT WOULD BE TO THE PRC. EVEN IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS,  
NEITHER OFFICIALS NOR LOCAL PRESS CONTACTS HAVE BEEN WILLING  
TO DISCUSS IT. RANKING OFFICERS INMOFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS  
WOULD SAY NO MORE THAN THAT WHILE THEY APPRECIATED WOLFF'S  
TRYING TO BE HELPFUL, HIS SUGGESTION WAS "IRRELEVANT".

3. SOURCES HAVE SHOWED MORE WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS CONGRESS-  
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IONAL RESOLUTION PROPOSAL WHICH MANY HERE SUSPECT HAS  
ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT. OFFICIAL VIEW SEEMS TO BE TO DISMISS  
THIS AS A U.S. ATTEMPT TO SALVE ITS OWN CONSCIENCE WHILE  
"ABROGATING" THE MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY. INTERESTING  
PARALLEL LINE WHICH COMES UP IN CONVERSATIONS AND IN LOCAL  
PRESS COMMENTARIES IS THAT THE ISSUE IS NOT TAIWAN SECURITY  
(THE ROC CAN RELY ON ITS OWN STRENGTH) BUT THE CREDIBILITY

OF THE UNITED STATES WITH ITS OTHER ALLIES.

4. DESPITE OFFICIAL VIEW THAT RESOLUTION WOULD BE  
"IRRELEVANT", THERE IS CURIOSITY ABOUT HOW THE RESOLUTION MIGHT  
BE WORDED, WHAT IF ANY STATEMENT THE PRESIDENT MIGHT MAKE, AND  
POSSIBLE PRC REACTION. WHILE NO ONE IS SAYING SO, WE DETECT  
HINTS THAT, ALTHOUGH THE GROUPEES HOPES NORMALIZATION WILL NOT  
TAKE PLACE AND THAT THE TREATY RELATIONSHIP CAN BE PRESERVED,  
THE GENERAL VIEW IS THAT NEITHER IS LIKELY AND THAT A COMPROMISE  
ON SECURITY ISSUE ALONG THE LINES OF A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION  
MIGHT BE BETTER THAN NOTHING.  
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